



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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County Executive

**NOTICE OF TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE – SWEEPSTAKES ROAD
CULVERT REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

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Acting Director

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Dear Resident:

This is to inform you of an upcoming culvert replacement project along Sweepstakes Road to be managed by the Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT). The installation of a large box culvert under Sweepstakes Road will require a six (6) month road closure of Sweepstakes Road between Cutsail Drive and Newbury Road in Damascus.

The installation of a large box culvert to replace the existing pipe that carries the Magruder Branch stream under Sweepstakes Road is necessary. The existing pipe has eroded to the point that replacement is critical. In addition to the installation of a new culvert, new headwalls will be constructed on both the upstream and downstream ends of the newly replaced culvert. MCDOT views these replacements as urgent. Therefore, work will commence shortly. The project is staged as such that water in the stream will remain flowing with little to minimal impact on local aquatic life. The culvert replacement process has been reviewed and approved by the Maryland Department of Environment, United States Army Corps of Engineers, and the Maryland State Highway Administration given activity in the active stream and the proximity of state-maintained roads.

The culvert replacement project and associated road closure is scheduled to begin on or around July 7, 2015. MCDOT is committed to completing the construction and reopening Sweepstakes Road as quickly and efficiently as possible. As mentioned, this project is currently estimated at six (6) months. Variable Message Signs will be placed at the closure points along Sweepstakes Road. The message boards will display closure information as well as reopening information as the project proceeds. **Please follow the detour signs for alternative routes.**

During construction, pedestrian traffic will remain open, despite the road being closed to vehicular traffic. Appropriate signage will be placed and the proper precautions taken to ensure the safety of pedestrians moving through the area.

MCDOT will make every effort to expedite the work to facilitate an accelerated completion with the least amount of inconvenience. If you should have any questions or comments, feel free to contact Mr. Josh Faust, Public Outreach Manager, at 240-777-7642.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation and again we apologize for any inconvenience this project may cause.

Sincerely,

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NOTICE OF ROAD CLOSURE ON SWEEPSTAKES ROAD

ROAD CLOSURE MAP

